

14 January 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, STC/SPB

SUBJECT : Request for Clearance for Arturs BROMBERGS

1. Appropriate security clearance for the use of subject as an action agent on a penetration mission to the Latvian SSR is requested. Subject has previously received Covert Security Clearance #47281, dated 4 November 1952.

2. The following facts are brought to your attention inasmuch as they may have a bearing on your final decision:

- a. BROMBERGS is knowledgeable of the true names of three agents whom he has recruited, trained, and whom we have dispatched in 1952--[]'s 1, 2 and 3. []/1 has never been heard from and is presumed dead. []/2's last name is as common as the name Smith. BROMBERGS claims that he has completely forgotten []/2's true first name; this, no doubt, is quite logical because []/2 has never been referred to by BROMBERGS or anyone else by his true first name. (It was always a training alias which was used and which is quite different from his actual first name.) BROMBERGS knows the true name of []/3. This agent is known to be captured.
- b. BROMBERGS also knows the true name of [] [] dispatched in Spring 1953, never heard from, and presumed dead. BROMBERGS also knows the true identity of []/1 (who will be utilized under Project AEMARSH). In addition, he also knows the true identities of the following agents, all of whom have been disposed of: []/11, []/12, []/1, []/9, and []/10. Subject does not know the true identities of any of the staff personnel with whom he has been in contact. BROMBERGS knows the installation, Kaufbeuren, Germany, that was utilized for the training of the [] as well as the safehouse in Kempten and Steinberg which was utilized for the same purpose. In the U.S., subject does not know any of the installations of this Agency other than one safehouse which was utilized for the training of []. BROMBERGS has an extensive knowledge of our methods pertaining to the training of agents, many of our weaknesses and a good deal of our operational know-how.

3. It is believed that subject can withstand a great deal of physical and mental torture. When weighing all factors, i.e., whether or not to grant permission for utilization of subject, it should be kept in mind that
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(2)(A) Privacy

(2)(B) Methods/Sources

(2)(G) Foreign Relations

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it is the case officer's considered opinion that the benefits gained by dispatching as qualified an individual as BROMBERGS far outweigh the detriments we would face from a security point of view.

4. It is believed that the facts, as enumerated above, represent the sum total of BROMBERGS' knowledgeability. This opinion is based on the fact that, upon being closely questioned regarding the extent of his knowledgeability, subject submitted a detailed and lengthy report on the matter, such report involving an obviously great degree of painstaking recollection on his part. The agent volunteered the statement that he would gladly submit to a technical interview in order that his veracity be determined.

5. For any further information regarding this matter, please contact [redacted] Room 2504 "J" Building, extension 2538.

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Chief, SR/2